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For the future in the distance,
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I speak, in spite of all that I can do."

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ABOUT ANNEXATION

"Annexation will come as surely
as the earth moves round the sun."
-P. C. Advertiser, Dec. 16.

Who wants annexation to the United States in Hawaii? Who in United States wants Hawaii to be admitted to the Union? Those questions naturally arise when we now see a renewed effort to bring the Hawaiian question before Congress and find that the independence of Hawaii and the form of government chosen by the Hawaiian nation are to be made objects of partisan politics and of the temporary sentiments of men totally ignorant of the true circumstances connected with Hawaii.

The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald has stated that he has positive information that there will be an energetic and joint move in Senate and Congress for the purpose of annexing Hawaii, and that President Cleveland will join in the move. The correspondent for the Chicago paper who, for financial reasons, has espoused the jingo policy of annexation, and even sent Miss Kate Field to Hawaii to drink tea with President Dole, and sing with missionaries, and write "annexation" talk to the Times-Herald, may think that he is right. We, here in Hawaii, believe that he is as much off his base as is the official organ of the Hawaiian Republic when it published editorially the paragraph with which we introduce our remarks.

From our American point of view we find that the annexation of Hawaii, or any other country owned by a people unwilling to be annexed, is opposed just as strenuously and vigorously as it is from the people who are to be "annexed" *volens volens*. The San Francisco Argonaut, a well-known California Republican journal, expresses itself as follows:

The whole proposition of annexation is made absurd as well as dangerous by the character of the inhabitants, nearly a third of whom are already denied naturalization by the laws of the United States. It is natural that the whites, who have set up a form of government down there which they call republican, and have good reasons to mistrust their ability to maintain, should want this country to take the explosive contract off their hands. It is even probable that the kanakas, despairing of restoring their queen, or of otherwise getting the upper hand again in the government, should prefer to surrender their destinies to the United States—although we do not believe it. Perhaps even the Chinese and Japanese would like government by American law better than government by a suspicious and scared oligarchy. But while these may all be sound arguments for annexation on the part of the Hawaiians, white, brown, yellow, and prismatic, what possible weight can they have on the American side of the case? They should affect us no more than the jeweler is moved by the desire of the penniless man on the sidewalk at his window to possess the treasures he sees through the glass. * * * * It would not be well for the United States to set up as a receiver of stolen goods by way of preliminary exercise to setting forth as a liberator of nations. We should let Hawaii alone, for our own good.

We believe that the intelligent people and the honest Press of Am-

erica, the judgment of which is entitled to consideration, will support the Argonaut and say with it: "We should let Hawaii alone for our own good."

The American view of the matter is, however, of less interest to the Hawaiians. The people of Hawaii, the owners of the soil by right, must be heard before Congress, and the President can authorize a step which can only mean the forcible conquest of these islands. The Hawaiians, who admittedly are equally intelligent and competent to exercise a franchise and decide what form of government their country desires as are the "free-born" imported citizens of the United States, decline to a man the honor of surrendering the independence of their country and hauling down their flag in becoming part and parcel of the United States.

No means can be devised, no influence used that can persuade the Hawaiians to favor annexation. It is true that they—through their own fault perhaps, through their implicit and misplaced confidence in their leaders, and through the treachery of the United States representatives—to day are under the thumb of an oligarchy headed by a few American capitalists and supported by a motley crowd of adventurers. The Hawaiians have shown their weakness perhaps in allowing such a state of affairs to come to pass. But they have never signified, and will never signify their willingness to surrender the independence of their country. The men called their leaders may to-morrow come forward and advise them to accept the proposition to be annexed. Within twenty-four hours such leaders would be stigmatized as traitors, and be publicly denounced as being bought with the gold of the annexation clique.

The Hawaiian Islands cannot be annexed by a vote of Congress. The world cannot stand by and witness such a piratical move without a determined protest. If the dominant party in the United States wants Hawaii, let war be declared and this small country with its 40,000 aborigenes, will readily submit. But if there is any honor in the men who boast of their respect for liberty, freedom and equality, let them wait to talk about depriving a weak but friendly nation of its independence until they convince themselves that it is by the approval of that nation that the surrender is made. If Hawaii can go to the United States as a gift from the Hawaiians, take it. If American policy considers it wise to do so. Until then let the statesmen of America pigeonhole the offers made by Mr. Dole and his consorts of Hawaii. The receiver is at all times as guilty and contemptible as the thief.

The Bar Meets.

At 10 o'clock this morning, a large number of the members of the Hawaiian Bar met at the Court rooms in the Judiciary building. Attorney-General W. O. Smith presented the following resolution:

Whereas, It has pleased God in His wise providence to remove the Honorable Richard Frederick Bickerton, First Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, by death, be it

Resolved, That, while we bow in submissive resignation to the loss which we have suffered in the removal by death of Justice Bickerton from his high office as a Justice of the Supreme Court, we hereby record our appreciation of his unflinching courtesy, and his conscientious and faithful attention to the responsible duties of his position;

That we hereby express to the family of the deceased Justice our sincere condolence and our sympathy with them in their sad bereavement;

That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Supreme Court, and that a copy be forwarded to the widow of the deceased.

Mr. Cecil Brown in a few remarks seconded the resolution of Mr. Smith.

Eloquent speeches in regard to the deceased judge were delivered by Messrs. Hartwell, Kaeo, Kaulukou and Creighton, members of the bar, and by Judge Austin Whiting and the Chief Justice, Mr. A. F. Judd, who spoke most feelingly about his departed colleague and personal friend.

The Courts adjourned during the forenoon.

Timely Topics.

Honolulu, Dec. 12, 1895.

He had been in the Hawaiian Islands nearly a year. He arrived here in the latter part of January, 1895, and his fortunes had been between the "ups" and "downs." This is the first Christmas that he is to experience far from home, far from his friends and his relations. The old picture of the snow-clad hills, the merry bells of the sleigh, and the blaze of the Christmas trees is inscribed on his mind. He has made friends here in the ever sunny clime of Hawaii. His friends want him to forget the longing for the snowy country and the Christmas as he saw it, and they will offer him their presents and Christmas gifts and try to make him believe that he once more is patronized by the King of the North, Santa Claus.

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